

Rapid River News



Welcome to the Rapid River News (RRN)! The RRN is a quick view of what is happening at the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians in Manistee, MI. **January 11th, 2016**

LRCR Board Sessions for 2016! Open Sessions at 6:00pm; Grand River Room; Tribal Members invited. January 28, 2016, February 25, 2016, March 24, 2016. Closed Sessions – tentative start time is 8:30am. Those sessions are scheduled for January 29, 2016, February 26, 2016, March 25, 2016. Here is the full schedule as determined for BOD meetings -2016:

January 28/29	February 25/26	March 24/25	April 21/22
May 19/20	June 23/24	July TBD	August TBD
September TBD	October TBD	November TBD	December TBD

A 'Sweet' Decision by the Warriors! At their monthly meeting, the Warriors voted to fund purchase of the Maple Sugar bottles up to \$200! Thanks to our Warriors as our Maple Sugaring is a great activity for the young and for everyone!

Constitutional Proposed Changes at next Elders Meeting! The LRBOI Elders are hosting a discussion upon the proposed changes to the Tribal Constitution at their next meeting on February 6th. A representative from the Unified Legal Department will be there to explain the changes. This part of the Elders meeting will be open to the public.

Commodity Department will be out of office January 11th 12th 13th to attend NAFDPIR conference planning 2016 agenda we will be back in office by 1:00 P.M Thursday 14th 2016.

The Food Drive-A beautiful success!

The 2000+ cans gathered from the Tribal Government Food Drive were loaded into the van for delivery to St. Josephs and it packed the van! Thanks to everyone! Here are totals:

Gaming—200
Natural Resources—47
Tribal Council—40
Justice Center—18
Aki—390
Health Clinic—231
2 East (Exec branch) - 671

1 West (Accounting) - 677

Congratulations to 1 West- The Winners!



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Other Upcoming Items, Dates & Announcements

- **Membership Meeting Dates for 2016-2017:** (Call the Casino hotel at Ph: (231) 723-1535 or Toll Free at 1-888-568-2244 for reservations). **Ogema Meet 'N Greet** always the Friday night before the meeting at 7 p.m.!
 - 2016 – April 9, 2016 & October 8, 2016
 - 2017 – April 8, 2017 & October 7, 2017
- February 27 = **Goonignebig**
- April 6 – 9 = **Spring Fire and Teachings**
- July 2 & 3 = **Jiingtamok**
- July 30 & 31 = **Anishinaabe Family Language & Culture Camp**
- **Fall Fire** (the Weds – Sat of Fall Meeting)
- **Ghost Supper** (probably 1st week of November, but now) TBA

New LRBOI Website! The new tribal website at www.lrboi-nsn.gov is 'Live'

This site was created to answer your concerns and comments as expressed in the summer survey. It also included input from all branches of the Tribal Government. Please feel free to explore it and let us know what you think. In the January **Currents** we are going to have some shortcuts printed to help you navigate the site. The tips are also printed here (below) in the RRN.

Tribal Website Tips! Here are some tips for navigating the new website at www.lrboi-nsn.gov:

The **Currents** and the Rapid River News can be reached on the front page. Just click on the title!

News briefs will also appear under the 'News' tab on the right side...Just click on them for details

Events information will be accessible on the right side too! Just click on 'Events' and you'll see the list

Top Banner...the top banner leads to: **Government, Membership Services, Resources, News & Media and Contacts**

....Just click on one of them to see departments, reports, forms and contact information.

There is even a **photo gallery** on the front page of the website. The latest photos of events will be posted there!

With the new tribal website at www.lrboi-nsn.gov, you can see the digital version of the **Currents** as well as other photo galleries at the bottom of the website home page. You can save a photo from the newspaper or the gallery by right-clicking on it and copying the photo. That way you can post it into your own computer!

The new website is going to allow for much quicker posting of information. Tribal Council Agendas; Calendars (including the Elders Meals); Resolutions; Proposals up for comment and notices of events will be available there soon!

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Take Control of Your Future!

Commerce/Workforce Development Program Benefits for Tribal Members*:

- Internship 240 hours @ \$10.00 per hour
- Internship Hosting \$150.00 Honorarium
- Development & Training Up to \$300.00 per calendar year
- Career Assistance Voucher \$200.00 per calendar year
- Employment Daycare Assistance Voucher \$250.00 per calendar year
- GED/Adult Education Completion Voucher \$250.00 one time
- Adult Work Experience/Employment Program 320 hours @ \$10.00 per hour
- Youth Work Experience/Employment Program 320 hours @ \$8.15 per hour
- Vocational Assistance Award (need based) Up to \$4,000.00
- Summer College Book Stipend Program \$200.00, \$300.00, or \$500.00
- Job Seeker & Career Related Activities Work Station Upon Request
- GED Preparation Book Upon Request
- Job Readiness Training By Appointment
- Referral Services to Michigan Works! Free

*Tribal Member/Workforce Development Program Applicant must meet eligibility requirements and component requirements. All programs subject to availability of funds. Applicants are served on a first come first served basis.
See Program for details and eligibility requirements.

Little River Band of Ottawa Indians
Commerce Department
2608 Government Center Drive
Manistee, Michigan 49660
231-723-8288
231-398-6870 FAX



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LRBOI TRIBAL GOVERNMENT JOBS

The Human Resources Department welcomes your application for posted positions that are of interest to you! Did you know that job openings can be found on-line and on bulletin boards at government buildings? Job announcements are updated on a continuous basis. Look no further than these convenient sources for your next opportunity. www.lrboi-nsn.gov

Rapid River News Weekly—Tribal Government Buildings—By calling the HR Department

Check the website at www.lrboi.com

For the latest postings!

PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING:

An application must be submitted, resumes and cover letters are strongly encouraged.

Applications will remain active for a period of 6 months after receipt of your application. Please contact the Human Resource Department if you are unsure if you have an active application.

When you see a job that you would like to apply for please contact Alyce Giltz at Phone: (231) 398-6859, Fax: (231) 398-9101 or E-mail: jobs@lrboi-nsn.gov This email address is being protected from spambots. You need JavaScript enabled to view it. .

You can download the [Employment Application](#) and send it in by postal mail, e-mail, fax or hand deliver it if you choose. Applications are kept active for 6 months. Tribal Preference is applied to all positions.

What about Temporary Work? Send in or drop off your application at anytime and be included in our temporary employment pool. Just be certain to check “temporary” or place “temp pool” on the position of interest line. Temporary assignments range from 1 to 180 days in duration. It’s a great way to gain experience and sharpen your skills. **Indian Preference applies to the hiring of all vacant positions.** Please send your application, resume, and cover letters to:

LRBOI Human Resources

2608 Government Center Drive, Manistee, MI 49660F

Fax: (231) 398-9101 E-mail: jobs@lrboi-nsn.gov Phone: (231) 398-6859 or (888) 723-8288

The Rapid River News is a publication of the Office of Public Affairs of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians.

News, updates and recent announcements from our tribe, calendar of events, flyers, prayers and more information!

Please note that Hyperlinks are scattered through the RRN. These ‘links’ take you direct documents, websites and further information that you can use. Just click on the or copy and paste them in your browser for more information



Mattress Sale!

Exclusive OFFER to all Little River Casino Resort associates and Little River Band of Ottawa Indian tribal members at *significant savings!*

The Tranquility sleep set is an Ultra-Premium Plush top mattress set made with the finest spring unit, upholstery and quilt packages on the market. Our supplier has remained committed to using higher than National brand industry standards in all components to provide exceptional sleep! This mattress set has the unique ability to provide exceptional support and sleep for everybody even two people of different weights.

This mattress is 13.5" tall and the box spring is 7.75" tall. All orders must be placed and paid for by March 24th, 2016.

King Set (76" x 80") 597.00 + tax

Queen Set (60" x 80") 448.00 + tax

Full Set (54" x 75") 428.00 + tax

Twin Set (39" x 75") 320.00 + tax



Payment methods: cash, check or credit via LRCR Hotel Front Desk Supervisor, and LRCR associates can opt to do a payroll deduct (please call Barb Girard at 231-723-1535 ext 3870 for details). Mattress will be available for pick up at the LRCR warehouse on Dontz Road Thursday, March 31st from 3pm to 6pm and Friday, April 1st from 10am to 6pm.

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"A Place of Healing Many Hearts"

Peacemaking/ Probation Department

TALKING CIRCLE



Do you enjoy helping people?

Would you like to share your cultural knowledge with others?

Would you like to see Healing in our community?

Would you like to help strengthen community relationships?

Do you believe in conflict resolution over punishment?

Did you answer **YES** to any of these questions? Then becoming a part of the talking circle is for you. The Peacemaking/ Probation Department is looking for people that wish to pass on their wisdom and life experiences to give our at-risk community members guidance and help them understand that their actions affect us all.

This restorative practices program seeks to promote positive solutions that result in rebuilding damaged relationships, repairing harm caused, and re-forging participant's community connections and involvement.

Would You Like to become involved in the Talking Circle?

Peacemakers will conduct the talking circles. The Talking Circle group will work with participants to develop an "Agreement" to change behavior problems and to resolve conflicts in a traditional way.

If you would like to be part of the Talking Circle or would like more information please contact:

Pat Wilson 231-398-2239, E-mail: pwilson@lrboi-nsn.gov

Martha Howell 231-398-2240, E-mail: mhowell@lrboi-nsn.gov (available M,T,F)

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Tribal Court—December Docket

Key:		EM	Emancipation of Minor	NA	Neglect Abuse
CO	Cora Offense/Conservation	FJ	Foreign Judgment	NC	Name Change
CS	Child Support	FSJ	Foreign Support Judgment	PF	Probate
CT	Civil Ticket	GA	Gaming Appeal	PPO	Personal Protection Order
DM	Divorce with children	GC	General Civil	TA	Trust Access
DP	Paternity	GM	Guardianship of Minor	TM	Tribal Misdemeanor
DO	Divorce w/o children	GR	Employment Matter	WC	Workmen’s Compensation
EA	Enrollment Appeal	JC	Judicial Complaint		
EB	Election Board Appeal	JV	Juvenile		
		LT	Landlord Tenant		

Monday, January 11, 2016

Judge Bailey

09:00 a.m.	LRB v. Campbell	15262TM Arraignment
09:15 a.m.	LRB v. Lewis	15263TM Arraignment
10:00 a.m.	Juror Show Cause Hearings	
01:15 p.m.	Miller v. Miller	09253DM Motion Hrg.
02:00 p.m.	Probate Re: Sam	14143PF Motion Hrg.

Friday, January 15, 2016

Judge Sherigan

10:00 a.m.	LRB v. Buckingham	15264TM Arraignment
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Monday, January 25, 2016

Judge Bailey

10:00 a.m.	LRB v. Redner	15216TM Sentencing
11:00 a.m.	Burmeister v Burmeister	15235DO Pretrial

Friday, January 29, 2016

Appellate Justices

10:00 a.m.	Rivers v Cudzilo	15158AP Oral Arguments
11:30 a.m.	Chick v. Casino	15136AP Oral Arguments

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“We don’t have to say or think what we don’t wish to. We have a choice in those things, and we have to realize that and practice using that choice.” Rolling Thunder, Cherokee

Having choices makes us fully accountable. No one can make us think anything we don’t want to think. No one can determine our behavior and how we act. It’s not what’s going on but how we look at what’s going on. If someone does something and we get upset, we can change how we look at it any time we want. We can tell ourselves in the morning that the day is going to be beautiful and that we have expectations that great things will happen. Doing this daily sets our mind to look for the joy and excitement of each day.

Great Spirit, help me to choose my thoughts with Your wisdom.

Kateri prayer

LRBOI Warriors Society



New Officers Elected January 2nd, 2016

Commander—John Shano

Vice Commander—Leonard Rittenhouse

Secretary—Virg Johnson

Treasurer—Open

Sergeant at Arms—Chuck Nelson

Chaplain—Chuck Fisher

Warriors Society: We are constantly in need of Warriors for color guard duties for various events. Please consider becoming active or joining and being an active member. The Warrior Society meets the first Saturday of every month at 10am at the Aki Community Center located at the entrance to the LRBOI Housing Area. The Warrior Society meetings are usually followed by the monthly elders meeting at Noon.

Commission Openings! Please note that Tribal Members living outside the Manistee

Area are also encouraged to apply for the Commissions and Committees! The tribe continues to seek applications from tribal members interested in serving on any commission or committee of the tribe. Ogema Romanelli has asked for members to submit letters of interest along with why they would like to be on the various Commissions and what skills or knowledge they bring to the group. Applicants will need to submit a commission application along with your letter of interest. You will need to contact Mary Thomas (extension 6824) in the Ogema’s office to get an application and will need to submit both in order to be considered.

Please send the letter and application to the attention of Executive Assistant, Mary Thomas, Office of the Ogema, 2608 Government Center Drive, Manistee, MI 49660.



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Departments	Location	Main phone numbers
Accounting	Government Center—Main Entrance	231.398.6868
Be-Da-Bin	Government Center—Clinic entrance	231.398.6741
Commerce	Government Center — Main Entrance	231.398.6866
Commodities	Aki Maadiziwin Community Center	231.398. 6715
Courts	Justice Center on M22	231.398.3406
Education	Government Center—Clinic entrance	231.398.6735
Enrollment	Government Center-Main Entrance	231.398.6712
Fitness Center	Government Center—Lower Level	231.398.6636
Family Services	Government Center—Clinic entrance	231.398.6734
Grants Department	Government Center—Main Entrance	231.398.6843
Gaming Commission	Old Casino Building	231-723-7755
Health Clinic	Government Center—North End	231.723.8299
Historic Preservation	Government Center– Lower Level	231.398.6891
Housing	Aki Maadiziwin Community Center	231.398.6879
Human Resources	Government Center-Main Entrance	231.398.6859
Members Legal Asst.	Justice Center on M22	231.398.2234
Members Assistance	Government Center-Main Entrance	231.398.6718
Natural Resources	9th Street Offices—Manistee	231.723.1594
Peacemaking/Probation	Justice Center on M22	231.398.2239
Planning Department	Government Center —Main Entrance	231.398.6810
Prosecutor	Justice Center on M22	231.398.2242
Public Affairs	Government Center-Main Entrance	231.398.6872
Public Safety	Justice Center on M22	231.398.2225
Tax Office	Government Center—Main Entrance	231.398.6874
Utilities/Waste Water	Dontz Road (near Aki Maadiziwin)	231.398.2285
Work Force Development	Government Center—Main Entrance	231.398.6842